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Americans Detained on Spy
Charge Deny Subversive
Activities in Russia

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VIENNA, Oct. 18—Two United States tourists, one of whom was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment on a charge of espionage by a Soviet military tribunal, arrived late last night in Vienna on their way to New York.

The tourists are Mark I. Kaminsky, 28 years old, a Russian-language teacher from Ann Arbor, Mich., and Harvey C. Bennett, 26, of Bath, Me., an unemployed graduate of the University of California. Both were expelled yesterday morning at the Ukrainian-Czechoslovak border crossing of Uzhgorod.

Mr. Kaminsky said he was a graduate of the University of Michigan and had received an appointment to teach Russian this fall at Purdue University in Indiana. Mr. Kaminsky is not married. Mr. Bennett is married and the father of three children.

Freed After Appeal

Mr. Kaminsky was sentenced to seven years in a Soviet internment camp in Kiev, Ukraine, on a charge of espionage. He was released and expelled after an appeal to the Supreme Court. Mr. Bennett had been detained as a witness and testified at the trial.

Mr. Kaminsky said he had been tried under Article 17 of the Soviet Code on State Crimes and that he had pleaded guilty to gathering information for a book he had planned to write. He denied Soviet allegations that he had pleaded guilty to espionage.

Mr. Bennett said the Soviet allegations that he had testified against Mr. Kaminsky were untrue. He said he had told the examining magistrate and the court that notations by Mr. Kaminsky in Mr. Kaminsky's notebook had been intended for a book.

Mr. Kaminsky said he did not have a publisher for his planned book, which bore the temporary title, "Soviets Talk About Peace and Prepare for War."

He said he had been primarily interested in gathering military information for his projected book and that most of the information had consisted of photographs and reference indications to the photographs.

Films Reported Seized

Mr. Kaminsky said the films at his disposal had been seized by the Soviet police in common place. He said



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AMERICANS IN VIENNA: Mark I. Kaminsky, left, and Harvey C. Bennett shortly after arrival Monday in Austrian capital. Two tourists were expelled from the Soviet Union. Kaminsky was charged with alleged espionage and Bennett was witness at his trial.

some of them were of Soviet soldiers in work gangs, a railroad, airfields, and something that appeared to be a gas tank.

He said he had not taken photographs in the restricted zone near Uzhgorod when he was trying to leave the Soviet Union Aug. 27. He said a roll of film found in his camera when he was detained was blank.

Mr. Kaminsky and Mr. Bennett said they had received a \$2,000 grant from the Northcraft Educational Fund of Philadelphia to visit the Soviet Union. They hired an automobile in Finland and entered the Soviet Union on July 26. They traveled to Leningrad, Moscow, Minsk, back to Moscow, then to Kharkov, Kiev, and Uzhgorod.